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## **ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS MODULE**

Next we would like to ask your opinions about the environment. The following questions relate to several important issues.

*<The order of the items below are to be randomized at each application.>*

ENV1A Please tell me which one of these 5 issues most concerns you.

*<Interviewer reads the list>*

- 1 Reducing the public debt
- 2 Reducing crime
- 3 Saving social security
- 4 Protecting and improving the natural environment
- 5 Reforming the health system
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

ENV1B After *<read the item picked in 1a>*, which one next most concerns you?

- 1 Reducing the public debt
- 2 Reducing crime
- 3 Saving social security
- 4 Protecting and improving the natural environment
- 5 Reforming the health system
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

ENV2 We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. With this in mind, do you think we're spending too much, too little or about the right amount of money on protecting and improving the environment?

- 1 Too much
- 2 Too little
- 3 About the right amount
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

ENV3 There are differing opinions about how far we've gone in this country with environmental protection laws and regulations. At present, do you think our environmental protection laws and regulations have gone too far, not far enough, or have struck about the right balance?

- 1 Too far
- 2 Not far enough
- 3 About the right balance
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

(Note: Starting 9/7/99, respondents will receive **either** questions ENV4-ENV6 **or** questions ENV7A6-ENV7J6, but **not** both. Intent is to shorten interview length. Every other interview will receive one set of questions or the other, i.e., they will alternate, with an equal number of calls for both. CJB)

ENV4 The state and federal parks and forests in this country are to be managed for the benefit of current and future generations. Which of the following should be emphasized in the management of our public parks and forests?

- 1 Improving their natural conditions, such as wildlife, water and scenery
- 2 Developing commercial opportunities such as timber, tourism and mining
- 3 Balancing natural conditions and commercial opportunities about equally
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

ENV5 How satisfied are you with the level of environmental protection in your state? Are you:

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 5 Very dissatisfied
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

ENV6 How serious a problem do you think the amount of commercial development and traffic is in the area where you live? Is it:

- 1 Very serious
- 2 Serious
- 3 Somewhat serious
- 4 Not at all serious
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

We would like to get your opinion on a wide range of environmental issues. For each issue I will read, tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree.

<DK = don't know and R = refused>

<The order of the items below are to be randomized at each application.>

ENV7A6 Human skill and resources will insure that we do not make the earth unliveable.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Disagree
5. Strongly disagree
8. Don't Know
9. Refused

ENV7B6 Humans are severely abusing the environment.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7C6 Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7D6 Humans were meant to rule over nature.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7E6 Humans will eventually learn enough about how nature works to be able to control it.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7F6 If things continue on their present course, we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7G6

The balance of nature is delicate and easily upset.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7H6

The so-called "environmental crisis" has been greatly exaggerated.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7I6

We are approaching the limit to the number of people this earth can support.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused

ENV7J6

When humans interfere with nature, it often produces disastrous consequences.

- A. Strongly agree
- B. Agree
- C. Neither agree nor disagree
- D. Disagree
- E. Strongly disagree
- 8. Don't Know
- 9. Refused